



H.R. 5925, Coordinated Response through Interagency Strategy and Information Sharing (CRISIS) Act

BACKGROUND: The Office of National Drug Control Policy plays a critical role in coordinating the nation's drug control policy and programs. With 16 federal departments and agencies operating \$30 billion of drug control programs, the role of a central coordinating office is imperative. The Office is currently operating under an expired authorization, yet they continue to receive annual appropriations from Congress. Reauthorizing the Office with revamped and enhanced authorities will improve the coordination and effectiveness of federal agencies' vast and diverse drug control efforts.

LEGISLATION: The CRISIS Act reauthorizes the Office—changing its name to the Office of National Drug Control to better reflect its mission—and implements necessary enhancements:

- **Calls for an immediate and comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic.** Requires the Office develop a strategy to implement key recommendations of the President's Opioid Commission.
- **Revises and refocuses the National Drug Control Strategy.** Overhauls the contents and timing of the Strategy to improve strategic focus, reduce administrative burden, and allow for continuity of strategic mission during transition years; requires the Office report to Congress and the President annually on their progress toward meeting Strategy goals.
- **Increases oversight and transparency of the National Drug Control Program budget.** Enhances the Office's authority to ensure National Drug Control Program Agencies are equipped with the appropriate resources to implement the Strategy effectively; increases transparency of the funding request process by requiring the Office to explain how the budget does or does not provide sufficient resources to meet the Strategy goals.
- **Retains major grant programs within the Office.** Retains High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) and Drug Free Communities (DFC) within the Office to maintain and support these effective and well-functioning partnerships.
- **Requires evidence-based policies and programs.** Clarifies the Office's responsibility to ensure national drug control policy is based on evidence, requires an annual plan to develop evidence and evaluation, and increases their role in improving access to relevant information.
- **Enhances cross-agency information sharing.** Establishes a process to work with drug control partners to ensure information necessary to understand and combat the crisis is accessible and standardized to improve the quality and utility of drug-related data.
- **Creates a National Education and Outreach Campaign for Emerging Threats.** Establishes a national multi-platform campaign to enhance public awareness of the hazards of opioids and future threats before such threats become national crises.